(v) Research and Development in the field of information sciences is being promoted through funding by multiple agencies like Department of Electronics, National Informatics Centre, Department of Science & Technology & Council of Scientific and Industrial Research.

(vi) Strengthen the National Informatics Centre to play a promotional and facilitating role in the growth of information sciences in an appropriate " direction.

Blood Cell abnormalities due to radiation

@3801-C. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the findings published in British Medical Council Reports to the effect that Low Dose Radiation continues to be linked to Blood Cell abnormalities;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Dr. Gafman of California (USA) has also earlier brought out similar results; and

(c) whether similar reports have also come from Dr. Padmanabham in respect of Indian Rare Earths in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir, Government is aware of the report in British Medical Journal by Dr. Gardner reporting a few cases of leukaemia amongst children adjoining the Sellafield Nuclear Facilities Site in the U.K. This has led to more extensive work and independent studies carried out in U.K. and Canada have-contradicted the Gardner's report.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

@Previously Unstarred Question 3377, transferred from 16th December, 1992.

Misappropriation of funds in Super Bazar drug store

@@3801-D. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a racket in Super Bazar drug store has been detected by misappropriating the funds under the Distributors Sales Promotion Scheme in connivance with the drug suppliers/ chemists/manufacturers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and to what extent the misappropriation of funds have been detected and the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

गुजरात में उर्वरकों की उपलब्धता

@@@3801-ड. श्री गोपालसिंह जी० सोलंकी: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या गुजरात में यूरिया और सुपर फास्फेट की कोई भारी कमी है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) गुजरात में उर्वरकों की उपलब्धता को सुनिश्चित करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं; और

(घ) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान वर्ष-वार गुजरात में उर्वरकों की मांग और पूर्ति की स्थिति क्या रही है?

@@Previously Unstarred Question 3388, transferred from 16th December, 1992.

@@@पूर्वतः अतारांकित प्रश्न 3819, 18 दिसम्बर, 1992 से स्थानान्तरित।